

## REMARKS

Re-examination and allowance of the present application is respectfully requested.

Initially Applicants thank the Examiner for meeting with their U.S. attorney, Mr. Steven Wegman, on December 11, 2007, to discuss the present application. During the interview, Mr. Wegman discussed the advantages of including plural servers, as specified in the claims, and how this is distinguished from the applied art of record. The Examiner suggested revising the preamble of the claims to clarify that the invention is directed to a remote controller system, and that the address corresponds to an ip address. Applicants thank the Examiner for these suggestions, and have incorporated them into the pending claims. Further, it was also discussed that the first transmission data is transmitted to the device in accordance with the stored latest ip address of the device, and that this feature is not described in the applied art of record.

Applicants also thank the Examiner for acknowledging the claim for foreign priority, and for indicating that the certified copy of the priority document has been received. Applicants further thank the Examiner for confirming the acceptability of the filed drawings.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejects claims 1-3, 5-10, 12 and 14 (inadvertently noted as just claim 1 on page 2 of the Detailed Action portion of the Office Action) as being obvious over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0111698 to GRAZIANO et al. Applicants respectfully traverse this ground of rejection.

As discussed with the Examiner during the interview, GRAZIANO et al. fails to disclose or suggest the use of plural servers. In this regard, the Examiner acknowledged in the Office Action that GRAZIANO et al. does not disclose the use of two servers, but asserted that

this is a mere design choice. During the interview, Applicants explained how the use of plural servers is not a mere design choice, as it allows the server associated with the terminal device to merely be concerned with transmitting data for controlling the device, while an intermediate server (e.g., second server) located in, for example, a structure where the device is located, handles the task of preparing the data (e.g., performing necessary protocols) for the terminal devices. Applicants further explained that the present invention transmits the data to the device in accordance with the stored latest ip address of the device, and that this feature is not described in GRAZIANO et al. The Examiner acknowledged that the above is not taught or suggested by the applied art of record.

By the current amendment, Applicants amend the claims in the manner discussed with the Examiner in the interview. Applicants additionally cancel, without prejudice, dependent claim 7 to clarify the present invention. Applicants submit that the present invention, as defined by the pending claims, is neither disclosed or suggested by the applied art of record. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. §103(a) rejection of claims 1-3, 5, 6, 8-10, 12 and 14, (claim 7 having been canceled) along with an indication of their allowability in the next official communication.

Applicants also respectfully traverse the 35 U.S.C. §103(a) rejection of claims 4, 11 and 13 as being obvious over GRAZIANO et al., in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0180579 to NAGAOKA et al. Applicants submit that NAGAOKA et al. fails to disclose or suggest that which is lacking from GRAZIANO et al.; namely, the use of plural servers and the transmission of data to the device in accordance with the stored latest ip address of the device. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this ground

of rejection, along with an indication of the allowability of these claims.

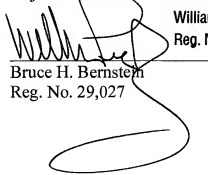
SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

In view of the fact that none of the art of record, whether considered alone or in combination, discloses or suggests the present invention as now defined by the pending claims, and in further view of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the Examiner's action and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested and are believed to be appropriate.

Should the Commissioner determine that an extension of time is required in order to render this response timely and/or complete, a formal request for an extension of time, under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), is herewith made in an amount equal to the time period required to render this response timely and/or complete. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any required extension of time fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17 to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

If there should be any questions concerning this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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